(a) whether Government are going to include the Indian Systems of Medicine and the Yoga in the syllabus of MBBS;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. P. THAKUR):

(a) to (c) The Medical Council of India was requested on 30.11.2000 to consider introducing a module on the basic principles and concepts of Ayurveda, Homoeopathy and Unani in the curriculum of MBBS students for their sensitization. Module on Yoga was not suggested to be included in the curriculum of MBBS. The Medical Council of India have informed that they have sought the opinion of Directors, Medical Education of States, Dean/ Principals of all the medical colleges on 22.11.2001.

Financial Assistance to Hospital Projects

1384. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether financial assistance is provided for hospital projects in the country;

(b) the details thereof during each of the last two years, State-wise;

(c) the terms and conditions of such allocation;

(d) whether Government have received any request from the Government of Rajasthan for financial assistance for such projects;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. P. THAKUR):

(a) to (f) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare does not provide financial assistance for setting up of hospital projects in the country. However, assistance is provided to States under pilot project for (i) upgradation and strengthening of emergency facilities of State Hospitals of towns / cities located on National Highways; and (ii) to the selected Government Hospital for Hospital Waste Management.